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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

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1. REF A IS AN EDITORIAL IN THE MARCH 1 EDITION OF THE
"BANGKOK POST" ENTITLED "CAN WE BE THE NEXT DOMINO TO FALL?".
THE WRITER URGES A STUDY OF THE CAMBODIAN SITUATION TO DETERMINE
WHETHER THE KHMER COMMUNISTS ARE PURELY NATIONALISTIC OR
WHETHER NORTH VIETNAM DIRECTS AND CONTROLS THEM. IF THE
LATTER IS THE CASE, THE WRITER URGES GOVERNMENT AND POPULAR
RESISTANCE TO DEMANDS FOR PRECIPITATE AMERICAN WITHDRAWALS
FROM THAILAND.

2. THE SAME EDITION CARRIES FRONT PAGE STATEMENTS BY RTA
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF KRIT SIWARA, OPPOSING DEMANDS FOR AMERICAN
WITHDRAWAL IN VIEW OF THE CAMBODIAN SITUATION; AND BY
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FOREIGN MINISTER PHICHAIRATTAKUN, ENDORSING AMBASSADOR

ANAN'S PLEA FOR U.S. CONGRESSIONAL PASSAGE OF FUNDS FOR CAMBODIA (REF B).

3. THE LEFT-WING VERNACULAR PRESS TAKES A PREDICTABLY DIFFERENT TACK. A "THAI RATH" EDITORIAL OF FEBRUARY 28 STATES THAT CONGRESSIONAL FAILURE TO SUPPORT CAMBODIA PROVES THAT THAILAND CANNOT COUNT ON AMERICAN HELP IN TIME OF TROUBLE. "SIANG MAI" AND "PRACHATIPITAI" EDITORIALS OF THE SAME DATE TAKE THE LINE THAT THE RIFTS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR PEOPLE RESULT FROM FOLLOWING AMERICAN POLICY. IT URGES THE RTG NOT TO RELY ON THE UNITED STATES.

4. COMMENT: THE THAI CONTINUE TO VOCALIZE THEIR DEEP CONCERN OVER THE FATE OF CAMBODIA.
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